## SWINDLER'S PLOT SHOCKS A COURT

Russell's Scheme to Extort Money from Jenks Read in Detail.

JENKS'S COOL ADMISSION.

Says It Was His Brother Who Got a Confession from the Jacobs Woman,

BISHOP LITTLEJOHN NOT CALLED.

The Blackmailer Examines Physicians in His Own Defence, and His Object Bewilders the Court and the Spectators.

The trial of Edward Russell, alias Meredith, charged with attempting to blackmail Almet F. Jenks, former corporation counsel, was resumed yesterday morning in the County Court, Brooklyn. The story Russell used in his attempt to blackmail was read by District-Attorney Backus. In the afternoon Russell cross-examined Mr. Jenks and secured from him an admission that was construed by Russell as proof that the story as written was true.

Mr. Jenks asserted that there were por tions of the story libelious, in that they reflected unjustly upon his character. Russell asked him to read the story and point out what portions so reflected. He pointed out several, and came to a statement that he had gone to see a woman of no reputation of the name of Sarah Jacobs and from her secured a confession that she had been hired by Mrs. Jenks, nee Littlejohn, to perfure herself in order to allow Mrs. Jen'ss to secure a divorce upon statutory grounds the only divorce that is recognized by the Episcopal Church.

This statement that I had a conference with a low woman and secured a confession from her is not true," said Mr. Jenks. and it reflects upon me. It was my brother, Paul E. Jenks, who secured from her a confession.

The story Russell wrote and threatened to print was printed yesterday in the reports of the court proceedings, and it created a sensation in Brooklyn. Mr. Backus read the story, which, in brief, is as fol-

Perjury Admitted.

Sarah Jacobs, a woman of questionable pute, said she was approached, early in 1887, by a man whose name she would not mention, who asked her to call upon Mrs. Almet F. Jerks, then living at No. 110 Willow street, Brooklyn. She said Mrs. Jenks asked her, when she called at the house, to sign an affidavit, saying that on January 16, 1887, she had gone to the Dwinnell House in lower Fulton street

o'clock this morning. Bishop Littlejohn and Mr. and Mrs. Bird were in court, but Russell said he did not want them to go on the stand, though he had subpoenced them,

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Every one who knew old Ikey Lewis

thought he had money.

The women of Dorchester, that quiet Massachusetts village, looked with awe on the sombre walls of the big house in Pierce avenue, and whispered that there were CLUNG ON THOUGH SHOT. nillions bidden away in its walls.

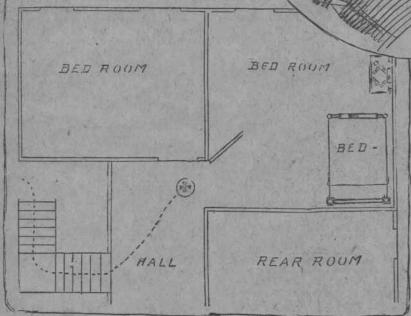
nies and beating down the baker on the price of two rolls for his breakfast. Half
a dozen bits of coal were enough to warm
his spare bones on the bleakest Winter day.
No visitor had been minifted to the big
house since Dame Lewis passed away,
thirty years ago. One cold day in January
the neighbors suspected misfortune had
befollon the aged miser. He had missed lils
solicary walk of the morning for three days,
and the baker had seen nothing of him.
After a deal of tearful hangling back, some
daring boys invaded the bermitage. In the
garret he was found on a pile of baggling,
under the eaves of the gable roof His
wrinkled face was strangely white and
drawn at the mouth and eyes. The young
men threw bits of wood at his prostrate
form, and scampered for the stairs. The
old man didn't wake up and scold them,
as they had expected he would.

Whether he had stayed, or frozen, or price of two rolls for his breakfast. Half

While He Sought a Pistol She Grappled with

Ruffian, but Arose and





Mrs. H. C. West, Who Bravely Fought with a Burglar.

The cross in circle in the diagram shows the spot where the burglar was standing when he opened fire upon Mr. and Mrs. West as they lay in bed. The dotted line shows the distance Mrs. West was dragged and thrown by

The story throughout is written in a manner that showed Russell to be anything but the practical newspaper man he claims to be. Its recital produced a feeling of disgust in the court room.

When the afternoon session was opened Russell cross-examined Jenks, who coolly admitted that his brother had secured a confession from the Jacobs woman.

Russell called a number of doctors in his own defence, all of whom testified that at one time or another, while he was in Sing Sing, they had pronounced him lusane. It was thought by the Court and everybody else that Russell was trying to prove mental trresponsibility, but, after the examination had gone far enough to allow Mr. Backus to propound a hypothetical question. Russell said he was not trying to prove that he was insune.

"What are you trying to do?" queried the "What are you trying to do?" queried the

"I intend to prove," said Russell, "that these eminent medical authorities perjured themselves when they declared me insage and that if eminent men such as they will commit perjure there is a likelihood that Mr. Jenks will perjure himself."

All the medical testimony was thrown out

with Mr. Jenks.

At that time, she sarjs, Mrs. Jenks gave her \$300 additional when the affidavit was signed. This additional \$200 was turned over to her when she had filled her part of the contract. About a month later she was arrested, and made another affidavit, admitting that the first was a forgery.

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Not a Newspaper Man.

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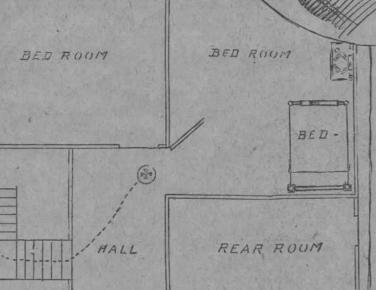
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a Burglar.

old lkey, with his eighty-six years, his bent back and his hoary head, went his way for twenty odd years, fingering pen-Again Clutched Him.



The Wests occupy a pretty cottage at the corner of Elizabeth and Madison avenues in Cranford, N. J. Mr. West is a broker in

in the bed and listening intently.

rice, doing business at No. 126 Front street, this city. In the slience that followed his admonition husband and wife distinctly heard a sound

noticed that her husband was sitting up

"Hush," be said, "1 hear somebody moving on the smirs."

like a stealthy footstep, which seemed to of their bedroom. They occupy the front room on the second floor. Their little is on the wrapper of every bottle of Castoria. daughter sleeps in a rear room across the hall, the communicating doors are always left open at night. Mr. West was just in the act of arising from the bed when a tall When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. and a voice said;

"Lie down, there!" With the word the burglar struck a match against the jamb of the door and by the brief light it made levelled a revolver at West's head and began firing. The shots flew high, however, and were embedded in the wall. and were embedded in the wall. .

The suddenness of the thing paralyzed West's energies. Not so his wife's. The roar of the second shot had scarcely died M'CADDON.—On Wednesday, March 3, 1897, away when she was out of hed and had Ellanbeth Gage McCaddon in her 74th year. grappled with the intruder. She selzed his Funeral services will be held at the residence

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cursing and striking right and left with his free hand, and Mrs. West hanging on courageously and screaming for help. Meanwhile her husband was groping blind ly in one of the bureau drawers for his re

"Let go," growled the burglar, "or I'll

The placky little woman would not let go, and her assallant managed to get his pistol close against her head; but as he fired she dodged, and received the charge n her left cheek. Frantic with pain and error, Mrs. West still clung to the man who suddenly dashed down the first half of the stalrease to a landing which sep arates the two flights, dragging Mrs. West with him.

The force of his descent was so great that she lost her hold and went tumbling down the second half to the floor of the

How she regained her feet she does not know, but she did get up, and again grap-pled with the burglar. He was coming down the stairs, evidently intending to make his escape through the rear door, by which it was afterward discovered he had

entered.

Mrs. West staggered up half a dozen steps and selzed him again. She braced herself against one of the solid wooden columns supporting the staircase and held on to him with her fast failing

Shot a Second Time. Mr. West, though he had not found his revolver, was now heard hurrying to his

wife's assistance and the burglar fired again. His second shot at Mrs. West took effect in her right shoulder. She sank on the stairs exhausted and gave up the fight, while the desperado sprang over her body and vanished in the darkness.

Mr. West arrived on the secue in time to see him pass through the rear door leading from the diving room. He followed for a few steps, but the night was too dark to make effective pursuit possible. or of neighbors from their beds, and with thied lanterns they hurried over to est's house. Mrs. West was bleeding ofusely. An examination by Dr. Allen owed, however, that her wounds, though thiful, were not serious. The first bullet d passed directly through the leashy part the left cheek by ginneing fashion. It

The prints of stockinged feet were found the mud in the rear of the West house, The prints of stockinged leet very folials in the mud in the tear of the West house, and these were followed for a considerable distance along Elizabeth avenue until they were lost, the burgiar appearing to have cut across lots in the direction of Roselle. A remarkable feature of the affair is that the robber got nothing by his visit. He had not disturbed the sterling stiver plate with which the sideboard in the dining room was covered, and had apparently gone immediately upstairs.

In the morning it was discovered that the burgiar or burgiars had also visited the houses of J. F. C. Grow and Walter M. Irving, on Miln street, and the residence of J. M. Crane, which is across the street from Grow's, and had obtained some booty.

Simultaneously with the Cranford raid burgiars descended upon several residences in the neighboring town of Roselle, cutering the home of T. C. Van Brunt, on Westfield avenue, near Chestnut street, where they obtained a quantity of jewelry and a sum of money, and also visited the residences of E. N. Squire and Isaac Suydam.

The story of Mrs. West's bavery was the universal tonic of conversation in Cranford yesterday. Mr. West says his wife is the most courageous woman he ever met. He declared that in the New Orleans riots

Olcott Wants Ruines Law Amended. District-Attorney Olcott has under conion a proposed amendment to the Raines law which would bring all excise cases into Spo s Court for trial. He held a confere subject resterday with Former Assist Attorney Stephen J. O'Hare, who is for the Liquor Dealers Association. I there were 286 untried excise case Sessions. Since then 150 mare violator law cases have accumulated.

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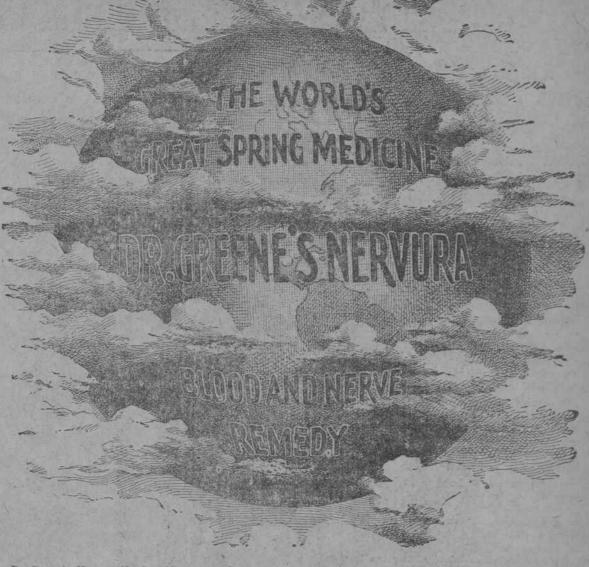
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